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CANADIAN RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMISSION PLANS TO

REQUIRE CABLE TELEVISION COMPANIES TO DELETE U.S. COMMERCIALS

1. STRONGLY WORDED EDITORIAL IN THURSDAY OCTOBER 23 VANCOUVER SUN CRITICIZES CANADIAN RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMISSION (CRTC) PLANS TO REQUIRE CANADIAN CABLEVISION SYSTEMS TO DELETE U.S. COMMERCIALS. EDITORIAL STATES CRTC ACTING CHAIRMAN HARRY BOYLE'S RECENT REMARK THAT COMMISSION HAS ONLY TOLD CABLE SYSTEMS TO DELETE AT RANDOM SOME COMMERCIALS AND REPLACE THEM WITH PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS IS "CONFUSED, HAIR SPLITTING PIECE OF NIT-PICKERY". SUN SAYS THAT EFFECT IS SAME AS REPLACEMENT WITH COMMERCIALS BECAUSE BORDER STATIONS CAN NOT GUARANTEE THEIR COMMERCIALS WILL BE SEEN. EDITORIAL ALSO SAYS CRTC DOES NOT RULE OUT EVENTUAL REPLACEMENT WITH CANADIAN COMMERCIALS AND ENTIRE CONCEPT IS "AMAZING PIECE OF EFFRONTERY" WHICH WILL PICK THE POCKETS OF AMERICAN BROADCASTERS.

2. SUN ALSO NOTES CABLE COMPANIES OPPOSITION TO DELETION AND SUGGESTS CHANGES IN TAX LAWS MAY BE BETTER WAY TO KEEP CANADIAN TELEVISION ADVERTISING DOLLARS IN CANADA, "WHICH IS WHAT THE "PIRACY" IS ALL ABOUT".

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